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British Patent Application GB 2 069 597 A (Fritz), dated August 26, 1981, and corresponding German Patent DE 30 03 892 C2, dated August 13, 1981.

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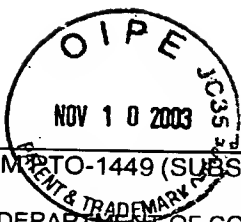
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